

By JANE DALE

FOR RIPPER-OUTERS —
As you rip out that knitted garment wind the wool on a tall pickle jar or a quart sealer. Fasten ends securely and immerse wool and jar in warm water until thoroughly soaked. Let excess water drip onto a plate, then set the jar in a warm place until the wool dries. When wound into balls all the kinks are gone. The garment

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— Jane Dale —

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Air Cadet Father & Son Banquet

Some 170 persons sat down in the Elks Community Hall last Friday evening to the A. Caden Father and Son Banquet, to partake of a good meal provided by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Speakers included Air Commodore R. C. Gordon and Mr. Winfield, Provincial Command representative for the Air Cadets. Other guests included Flight Lieutenant Brodie and Pilot Officer A. Cameron, of the Penhold Base and Lt. Poissant, R. C. A. F. Liaison Officer.

The draw was made for the Mondo Bike Raffle, with the winner being a former Dray Valley resident, Mr. Jim Wilson, now living in Sherwood Park.

Air Commodore Gordon made the official presentation of the charter to local Air Cadet group Drayton Valley Legion Squadron 733. Air Cadet Squadron 733 has seventy-five members.

After the Hon. Gordon Taylor was out to Drayton Valley as Guest Speaker the Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce presented him with a cheque in appreciation of his services. However, Mr. Taylor requested that the cheque be presented instead to the Newly formed Drayton Valley Car Club. Here we see Chief Constable A.I Miles making the presentation, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to Bob Heyland, president of the Car Club.

Emergency Hospital Meeting

called by the Chief Coordinator for Civil Defence, Chief Constable A.I. Miles, a meeting was held recently to set up the Civil Defence Hospital Emergency Program. Sometime during February Trial Run Exercises will be held to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Taking part in the meetings were representatives of Drayton Valley Municipal Hospital, members of the Civil Defence units, the A.R.N.A. and the Nurses Auxiliary, Town Council, etc.

In the picture, front row, left to right, is Mrs. Peggy McKillop; Mrs.

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District Personalities

BILL AND NATANIE KRUGER

New owners of the former Drayton Valley Groceries are Mr and Mrs Kruger. They plan to re-name the grocery store Kruger's Supermarket.

Both have been residents of Onoway for many years. Mr Kruger was born in Poland, in what is now a part of Russia. Mrs Kruger was born in Canada, in Manitoba.

They were in business in Onaway for a number of years. Mr Kruger operated the Massey-Ferguson and the Case agencies in the town.

Mr and Mrs Kruger have two daughters, Leona, aged fourteen and Carole, aged twelve. Mrs Kruger says: "If we get to like Drayton Valley as much as we did Onoway, we will really feel at home."

Rotary Speaker

Sliding got underway in Drayton Valley with a rush recently, with both rinks being well used. The Figure Skating group is getting set to take up their season's instruction again, and the rink in Rotary Park is really getting a mix of skater both young and older. Rink Supervisor Bill Nordquist reported that last Saturday over 1000 children used the rinks throughout the day. Quite a record;

fair Board Meeting

Following a couple of attempts to hold a Fair Board Meeting recently, with not enough persons turning up to carry on a meeting, it has been decided to postpone the meeting until after the first of the year. Announcement will be made as soon as to the date of the next called meeting.

Eleanor Pickup; Mayor H. Pickup; Mrs. Romano; and Miss Hogan, Nurse Consultant, Emergency Hospital Service, Edmonton.

In the back row, left to right: Chief Constable Miller; Miss Williams, Emergency Hospital Service; Oliver Seal, Maintenance man, Drayton Valley Hospital; Mrs. Merritt, Emergency Hospital Service; Mrs. M. Palmer, ARNA; Mrs. Mary Burrows, Council, Town of Drayton Valley; H. Zolner, D.W. Town Council; Fr. Scriven, Child Defence Unit; Mrs. Jabene, Matron, Drayton Valley Hospital, and L. Kruttsch, Drayton Valley Hospital.

At the recent Rotary Ladies Night gathering, The Rev. Gordon Ingram was guest speaker. Mr. Ingram spoke on statistics that have been compiled as the result of the brain-washing program that goes on in Communist prison camps. A study of the reaction of American prisoners-of-war from the Korean War had been made, and from their actions it is possible to assess the very dangerous techniques of this type of Communist warfare.

The meeting was held in the Jade Cafe, and those present enjoyed the enlightening talk on the tactics that our enemies employ.

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GREEN ACRES

By E. C. LOWE,
District Agricultural
Assistant District Agricultural

**AN AID TO SELECTING BREED-
ING STOCK:**

The machine age has done it
again - livestock breeders will
soon have an ultrasonic machine
to help them select super-
ior meat type breeding stock
whose progeny will satisfy the
consumer's demand for high
protein meats.

This machine, already past the
experimental stage, can accu-
rately measure the percentage
of fat to lean meat in live
animals. Consequently it will
be longer necessary to hunt
for potentially top quality
breeding stock to determine
their genetically inherited
characteristics in this respect.

According to A.J. Chumstead,
Livestock Supervisor with the
Alberta Department of Agricul-
ture, this ultrasonic measuring
device works on the principle
that high frequency sound waves
sent through the skin, fat and
muscle of an animal are re-
flected back onto a screen in
the form of blimps. These
blimps are then plotted onto
graph paper and converted into
square inches.

The machine has already under-
gone successful tests in both
the U.S. and Britain, says Mr.
Chumstead. When it was de-
monstrated the British Pig Deve-
lopment Program Testing Sta-
tion recently, the readings
came within 2 per cent of sub-
ject matter measurement on
50 per cent of the animals.

Similar studies, carried out on
cattle at the Southwest Agricul-
tural Institute in Texas by Dr.
I. Munroe and Don Williams,
proved that ultrasonic mea-
surement gives an extremely
accurate picture of the distri-
bution and percentage of fat to
lean meat in these animals.

In the first experiment 414
cattle were picked at random
with no allowances made for
weight, age or condition. The
average correlation between the
ultrasonic readings and the
subsequent carcass measurement
was 0.19. In all cases the ma-
chine gave an accurate index of
the ribeye area.

During a later study at the
Southwest Agricultural Institute
ultrasonic equipment was used
on a random group of registered
cattle. The objective was
to determine the part played by
breeders in the distribution of
fat and lean meat. When the
progeny from two bulls is

the herd were compared, there
was a very significant difference
in the fat leaving the larger ribs
they had transmitted this
characteristic to the offspring.

Mr. Chumstead reports that meat
manufacturers are improving
culling ultrasonic machines
to make them easier
to read and even accurate.

BLACKING IN POTATOES
Recurrence of blacking of
potatoes this year may increase
because no problems in the
crops, says Dr. Skopord. The
blackening usually occurs in heavy
fertilizer soils that remain wet for
prolonged periods.

Blackening results from bacteria
that attack the potato plant
from the soil line downwards.
A soft rot develops and the in-
fected parts turn black. This
rot proceeds into the tubers.

Blackening infected tubers be-
come inedible for the consumer.
Keeping storage temperatures
as low as possible for the winter
will also help to control dam-
age spread.

Blackening is an old disease, but
it seems to be the best chance
alone was noted in central
Alberta this year than for some
time, says Dr. Skopord.

UNITED CHURCH W.A.
The U.C.W. held a supper
meeting in the church hall on
December 3. A delicious supper
was served by the ladies of the
Anglican Church. Following
the supper there was a short
business meeting. It was de-
cided the U.C.W. would again
present a play for the school
at the Sunday school concert.
The money exchange girls, the
money collectors will be sent to
a poetry contest. Mr. Macdonald
presided over the election of
officers for 1964. These are as
follows: President - Mrs. Horde
Dixon; First Vice-President -
Mrs. Lott Gernsheim; Second
Vice-President - Mrs. Madeline
Krause; Secretary - Mrs. Vera
Baskin; Treasurer - Mrs. Shirley
Nelson.

Margaret McLean then intro-
duced the guest speaker, Mrs. Lang-
man, vice-president from the
Edmonton U.C.W. Presbytery.
Her talk dealt mostly with "The
Purpose of the U.C.W." It
was followed by an interesting
question period.

Wilma Stoves thanked the speak-
er and presented her with a
small gift.

SWINE TOUR
ALBERTANS RETURN FROM
EDMONTON TOUR

The 97 participants in the
Alberta Swine Tour, organized
by Calgary Farrow Ltd., returned
to Calgary the evening of Novem-
ber 25th after touring the
States of Minnesota, Iowa, Neb-
raska and the South Dakota
killing the sales operations
and meeting the leading Amer-
ican authorities on swine pro-
duction.

The 400 mile trip gave an op-
portunity for the participants
to ask questions and examine
all the operations of many
swine establishments in the
leading swine producing states
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tural specialist was accompan-
ied.

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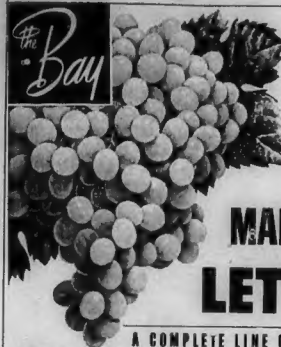
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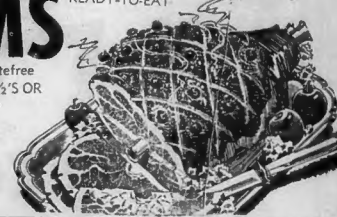
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DRAYTON VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS

LIBRARY PATRONS PLEASE
NOTE: The library will close for the holidays on December 20 and re-open on January 1. An effort should be made to return all books due this week.

Friends and relatives supplied Mr. and Mrs. Art Wood with a home warming party on Saturday evening. A social evening was enjoyed. Gifts included a dinner set and a champagne set of a table and six chairs.

It's good to see Mr. Bill Devlin about again. Mr. Devlin was badly hurt in an oil field accident about a month ago.

Corbett Reynolds, who joined the army last summer is home for his first leave. He has been assigned to a station in Gagetown, New Brunswick, and must report by the beginning of the new year.

It is hoped that Mr. Albert Standa level will be well enough to come home for Christmas.

Mr. Donald Hill was seriously injured in a bush accident last week. He was engaged in cutting trees for pulp wood when he was struck by a falling tree. He is in hospital at Hinton at present and is likely to be there for the greater part of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wakelam returned to their home in Tomahawk this week, where they intend to farm. The

Wakelams were active in community activities while they lived here and will be greatly missed. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Wakelam for the help she gave in the community library and the W.I.

Mr. Hill's 51, expects to leave soon for an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. Art Tote, in Calgary.

BOWLING

Week of December 2 to 8

MEN'S LEAGUE:
Monday: Shabo - 40, Shabo - 17, Chabon - 30, Louie Fries - 18, Hobb - 30, Twilins - 39, Nutsy Five - 23, Shabo - 15, Royes - 15, Top Hens - 38, Farnes - 38, Blue Angels - 27

LADIES LEAGUE:
Tuesday: Bopars - 28, Cities #1 - 21, Unpredictable - 32, Broomerage - 25, Toomans - 29, Todt Bens - 24, In - Law - 32, 4 of Fame - 19, Alley Cats - 30, Sharpshooters - 28, Sad Sax - 20, Ratchelins - 15

Wednesday:
Mentors - 35, Yabook - 19, Dany - 28, Blowers - 15, Old Cats - 31

Fishers - 28
At 8 & 30
Diamonds - 21
Do Better - 21
Twilins - 23
Ammon - 43
Finkler - 18

Thursday:
Royals - 22
Friday: Five Flax - 20, Snopas - 20, Drachwood - 28, Old Balls - 31, MUIH Angels - 23, Rockets - 21, Comets - 20, Fumblings Five - 22, Raiders - 27

Friday:
Flax - 19, Hammerheads - 29, Funder Benders - 30, Coaker - 22, Mac - 22, Mills - 22, Twilights - 31, Dew Drop - 31, Nibbles - 25, Unpredictable - 33, Marvab - 25, B & B - 23

LADIES LEAGUE:
Koolids - 28, Twile Five - 16, Oheives #1 - 24, Oheives #2 - 29, Merrybakes - 18, Hootie Amides - 18, Nabobs - 20, Jokes - 22, Chabon - 22, Royals - 13

MEN'S LEAGUE:
Tallens - 28, B & A - 30, Hubs - 21, Old Rams - 28, Run Dmcs - 26, Fox Nuts - 24

AVERAGE:
Mentors: Alton Frank - 196, Arden Lily - 116, Norma Disney - 181, Louisa Lyle - 176, Sylvia Copeman - 178

MEN:
Del Perry - 211, Peter Noto - 207, Bert Dennis - 198, Jack Frank - 189, George Jovan - 196

LADIES LEAGUE:
Rita Metekid - 180, Alton Frank - 180, Sylvia McConnell - 179, Ray Francis - 176, Sylvia Copeman - 178

MEN'S LEAGUE:
Rita Metekid - 215, Del Perry - 215, George Jovan - 218, Ted Eichen - 189, Slim White - 191, Gordon McEldam - 191

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4-N CLUB NEWS

The next meeting for the Drayton Valley 4-N Club will be held on December 13 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Ladies: Conna Macleod, President; Edwin Erickson, Secretary; Martin Johnson, Treasurer; Sonia Underhill, Reporter; Jean Sway.

Said the girl as she came back with an empty milk pail: "You gave me a horn, son."

"Sure, I caught a fish, but it was too small to fool with so I had a couple of other guys help me throw it back in the lake."

VALLEY DAIRY
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GREEN ACRES

By E. C. LEWIS, District Agriculturist
MILES KURYVAL, Assistant District Agriculturist

AN AID TO SELECTING BREEDING STOCK

The machine age has done it again - livestock breeders with the Alberta Department of Agriculture, this ultrasonic measuring device works on the principle that high frequency sound waves sent through the skin, fat and muscles of an animal are reflected back into a screen in the form of blimps. These blimps are then plotted onto graph paper and converted into square inches.

The machine has already under gone the U.S. and British, says Mr. Chametel. When it was demonstrated the British Pig Development Agency Testing Station recently, the readings came within 2 per cent of accurate carcass measurements on 50 per cent of the animals.

Similar studies, carried out on cattle at the Southwest Agricultural Institute in Texas by Dr. J. M. Moore and Don Williams, proved that ultrasonic techniques give an extremely accurate picture of the distribution and percentage of fat to lean meat in these animals.

In the first experiment 414 cattle were picked at random with no allowance made for the weight, age or condition. The average correlation between the ultrasonic readings and subsequent carcass measurements was 0.19. In all cases the machine gave an accurate index of the ribeye area.

During a lease study at the Southwest Agricultural Institute ultrasonic equipment was used on a random group of registered cattle. The objective was to determine the part played by heredity in the distribution of fat and lean meat. When the progeny from the two bulls in

the had were compared, there was a very significant difference. The one having the larger rib eye had more fat in the characteristic to it's offspring.

Mr. Chametel reports that many breeders are now using this exciting ultrasonic machine to select the best animals to read and even accurate.

BLACKING IN POTATOES
Recurrence of Blacking of potatoes this year may increase, says Dr. Skogestad. The disease usually occurs in heavier soils that remain wet for prolonged periods.

Blacking results from bacteria that attack the potato plant from the soil line downwards. A soft rot develops and the infected parts turn black. The rot proceeds into the tubers.

Blackening infected tubers before storing is of little use. Keeping storage temperatures as low as advisable for storage will also help to control damage spread.

Blackening is an old disease, but it seems to vary in prevalence. More was noted in western Alberta this year than in some times, says Dr. Skogestad.

UNITED CHURCH W.A

The U.C.W. held a supper meeting in the church hall on December 3. A delicious supper was catered to by the ladies of the Anglican Church. Following the supper there was a short business meeting. It was decided the U.C.W. would again purchase candy for the children at the Sunday School concert. The money collected will be sent to a needy cause. Mr. Macleod presided over the election of officers for 1964. These are as follows: President - Mrs. Nerle Dixon; First Vice-President - Mrs. Lott; Second Vice-President - Mrs. Maxine Krause; Secretary - Mrs. Vera Staden; Treasurer - Mrs. Shirley Nelson.

Margaret McLean then introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Langman, vice-president from the Edmonton U.C.W. Pres. Langman's talk dealt mostly with "The Purpose of the U.C.W." It was followed by an interesting question period.

Wilma Stover thanked the group and presented her with a small gift.

SWINE TOUR

ALBERTANS RETURN FROM SWINE TOUR
The 37 participants in the Alberta Swine Tour, organized by Calgary Power Ltd., returned to Calgary the evening of November 25th after touring the State of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and the South Dakota. Viewing the sales operations and meeting the leading American authorities on swine production.

The 400 mile trip gave an opportunity for the participants to ask questions and examine all the operations of many swine establishments in the leading swine producing states of the United States. Five Alberta Government Agricultural specialists accompanied (Cont. on Page 10, Col. 1)

SWINE TOUR

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the tour and their leading questions and participants in the discussions opened up many fields of interest for the participants. Calgary Power Ltd., with the cooperation of the Universities and Extension Departments of the states visited had made arrangements for the viewing of the many swine producers while at the same time meetings were arranged with the university personnel to question them on their advanced research. One point of particular interest was the visit to the Atomic Energy Research Farm at Maford, where experiments are being carried on with swine to check the effects of radiation on succeeding generations and at the same time examine the emotional stability of their offspring.

People who took part in the tour came from as far north as Grande Prairie and from as far south as the Slave Lake region and from throughout the south and their interest in what they saw and the searching questions that they asked gave them the opportunity to plan their operations and changes for the next few years. Some degree of satisfaction was noted by the participants.

leagues as they had been of the opinion that their operations were far behind those in the United States. This proved to be not so and there was a maximum feeling that they could quite easily proceed with their plans without facing serious economic changes. They were all most enthusiastic about the tour itself and in all cases stated they would welcome any word of future tours.

Christmas Eve Prayer

Dear God: We hope to both of you on the eve of Your Son's birthday. But He isn't a baby in the manger any more. He's grown up now and is our Saviour. We know that for His sake You'll take this out and listen to what's in our hearts.

Mind You, we're not complaining. We've got friends, food, colored lights and a pile of packages wrapped in fancy paper and tied with pretty ribbons. And the old Christmas spirit is in our hearts. But what worries us is those who may not feel Christmas tomorrow. Can you do some-

thing to help them? We mean those who have to work on Christmas Day. Taxpayers, firemen, mechanics, electricians, doctors, down to the poorest slave. What would we do if they refused to work on the Lord's birthday? Couldn't You tell them somehow that we're remembering them?

We're sorry for telephone operators, who must play in long-distance calls for everybody's mother except their own, for waitresses who need to be demanding, for busy-filled customers, like doctors who, for our pleasure, keep the tables turning all day with care.

And the reporters who have to meet Christmas deadlines. Radio operators, policemen, teamsters who make it possible for us to have the newspapers on the morning after Christmas. They really need a big lift as they slowly make their way home Christmas night.

Then there come to mind our sometimes-forgotten protectors, brave sentinels at the outskirts of liberty, in the misty clouds, or the biting Arctic. Or maybe grim strains whining faster than wind o' hove the tumbling march of sun-spit clouds. They all have a fierce yet tender longing for a place called home. Do reach a hand to our fine boys. Help the parents who, with evering lips, spend their first Christmas alone, making the laughter of men and daughters who have grown up and gone away.

And the widow, pain stabbing at her heart - "Had her sleepless son. The widow, too, in poignant loneliness, vainly trying to join the children in play while his heart is in the shadows.

Then there are good people behind curtains - banana, iron, other kinds. It's a comfort to know that many years ago You took the curls of the Tumble and care it in two.

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And displaced persons of whatever race, loved ones torn from their arms. Bring around the Christmas of rifle fire. Let the Bethlehem star break through their night.

We almost forgot the faithful in hospitals - doctors, internists, nurses, those grand old girls of the silent service.

dressed in uniform white. How dear, lovely old folks, so many of them unloved, unloved, forgotten.

We pray for all that fragility of the frightened and unremembered, who like the ancient Mariner, feel terribly alone, alone, all alone. Alone on a wide, wide sea. Dear Father, we just haven't got enough strength to list them all. But You have them, everyone, in Your heart.

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Tomeczak - Barker



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In a lovely afternoon wedding in Drayton Valley United Church Frances Tomeczak became the bride of Dan Barker, with the Rev. MacDonald reading the nuptial vows. The wedding took place at 3 P.M. Friday November 29.

The bride looked lovely in traditional white satin floor length gown, with short length veil. She wore full length sleeves and carried a bouquet of red roses with rose buds on ribbon nosegay.

Bridesmaid was her sister, Mrs. Louise Hartstead, wearing yellow gown, with little picture hat, and carrying yellow and white carnations. Standing with the groom was the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Earl Hartstead.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the Jade Cafe for some thirty invited guests. Receiving guests was the bride's mother, Mrs. Tomeczak, dressed in beige two piece dress, and wearing a white carnation nosegay.

Mrs. and Mr. Barker will reside in Drayton Valley where the groom is employed.

C.W.I. MEETING

The December C.W.I. meeting was attended by the Director, Father Scrymgeour, and 16 members. The meetings opened with the League prayer and the recitation of the rosary. Due to two resignations on the executive, Mrs. Marilyn

Lanquist is now Third vice-president, and Mrs. Sophie Lemminger is the girl well convenor.

Each member had been asked to bring a gift to be placed in an Xmas box being sent to the Mission in Labrador. Mrs. Jeanette Swisher and Mrs. Marie Linak volunteered to pack and mail the parcel.

The C.W.I. would like to thank all those who helped in any way

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Hospital visitors for December are Mrs. Marie Lemkin and Mrs. Elaine Home.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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A four-day course to qualify Red Cross sewing safety instructors, will be held at the Calgary Y.W.C.A., December 20th to 24th inclusive. Under direction of K.A. Hodgson and R.P. Wilson, the course will be limited to 35 candidates.

Registration and opening lectures are set for Friday, December 20th, commencing at 7 P.M. and both afternoon and evening instruction will be provided throughout duration of the course. Registration fee is \$10.00.

All registrants must be 16 years of age and hold a Red Cross Sewing Sewing award, or equivalent, also a recognized life-saving award from either the Royal Life Saving Society or Y.M.C.A.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from Provincial Red Cross Headquarters, 1004 - 1st St. S.E., Calgary, Alta. PHONE 556-1006.

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LEGION CALENDAR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 - INSTALLATION MEETING - JOINT.....7:00 P.M. - Social, BINGO - NO BINGO ON 14th and 21st of Dec.

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Editorially SPEAKING

Segregation - Canadian Style

BY ARTHUR PLAYFORD
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

We maintain that the whole concept of Separate schools is ethically wrong. Here in Canada some people have pointed a finger at the Deep South over the racial-segregation issue, and have said in effect: "What monsters these white southerners are!" But we maintain it is more nearly ethically right to divide schools on racial lines than it is to divide them along religious lines.

If democracy cannot work in our schools then we ask, where is God's name can it work? If equity and democratic principles can't work among the youth of our land, then again we ask, where can it work? But we know it is not the youth of any district that want Separate schools. It is the adults every time who make the decision.

For your consideration we point to two factors:
(1) If it is wrong to divide schools along ANY lines, then it is most certainly wrong to divide along religious lines.
(2) It is ethically wrong to ask taxpayers to support ANY religious separate school. We have six existing places in Drayton Valley; they are in alphabetical order, Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Church of God, Jehovah's Witnesses, Lutheran, and Pentecostal. A few other groups meet regularly in Drayton Valley but do not maintain their own buildings as meeting places. Why not SEVEN SEPARATE SCHOOLS? ANY ONE OF THESE GROUPS HAS AS MUCH MORAL RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SEPARATE SCHOOL AS DOES THE OTHER. Of have we come to the place where we too, in Alberta and in Canada, have discriminations in religion, with certain religious beliefs favored above others? If we do have such discrimination we would say that it is time we set to work to eliminate it. It is done away with, rather and make that it is done away with. RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION HAS NO PLACE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

Personally, I am not a member of ANY church. I accept and believe certain Christian fundamentals, particularly as they relate to the person and deity of Christ. I believe that Christ was a God. And for that very reason I believe it is a hollow mockery to sing "Goodwill toward men" at Christmas time, and seek to divide our schools along denominational, religious lines.

I believe moreover, in absolute religious freedom. If ANY religious group or denomination wishes to establish a SEPARATE SCHOOL, I believe it is their inherent right. But, it is not NOT RIGHT, to support that school with PUBLIC FUNDS. A Parochial school should be a PRIVATE SCHOOL, wholly supported by that group and its adherents. It is the duty of all of us, as taxpayers, to support PUBLIC schools, to educate the youth of our land. But it is NOT OUR DUTY to support PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS. That is the sole responsibility of that particular group who desire one. We need to draw a clear line of demarcation between Church and State if we are to remain a democratic society.

Someone said recently that the Lutheran Separate School in Stony Plain was supported by taxpayers. This is NOT TRUE. That Lutheran School is wholly supported by the denomination and its adherents. Which, we maintain, is the only ethical way to operate a parochial school. We would like to point out further, that anytime the state takes so much as one cent of public funds to support a parochial school, the individual taxpayer then has the right to step in and say what that right in his franchise, in casting his ballot.

Summing up: we believe that parochial schools, outside of large centres, are undemocratic, as they tend to divide youth along purely religious, denominational lines. We feel that any religious group has the legal right to establish their own parochial school if they so desire. But we feel that no religious group or denomination has the right to ask for public funds to support a parochial school in any manner whatsoever. That is the sole responsibility of that particular group. Further, we believe that it is OUR DUTY to see that our local Stony Plain School Division never gives as much as ONE CENT of public tax money to ANY denominational, parochial school.

Close to MAS EYE PRAYER
(Cont. from Page 12, Col. 3)

in one strong name of our
living Lord we ask these
things on Christmas Eve.
Amen.

William A. J. Wray,
Major, Edmonton Army

A kindly grandfather was
laboriously writing a letter.

"Lucifer," he said, "how do
you spell 'rest'?"

"That's easy, grandpa."
"H-A-T?"

"New! I don't mean money
yet. I mean 'rest'!"



With over \$600,000 in Building Permits thus far this year, ahead of 1962's half million mark, and probably more yet to come before the year is out, Drayton Valley continued to surge ahead in overall growth.

On 48th Street, under a Winter Work program the Town of Drayton Valley is installing Storm Sewers. The above picture shows the pipe strung out along the sewer right-of-way across MacKenzie's pasture, heading for the Lagoon.

The picture shows the new subdivision on the south - east edge of Drayton Valley, with a number of new homes being started, also under on phase of the Winter Works program. Future Homes is the Builders.

The lower picture shows a big transport truck loaded with cement blocks for the new Roy Rogers Automobile Showroom on 80th Street just half a block north of the traffic light. Erecting the cement blocks building is Buchholz Construction.

OUR TOWN—By McClelland



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The Western Farm Scene Seven More Westerners Named To Agricultural Hall of Fame

Twenty more portraits honoring men whose names were unveiled in Canada's still new Agricultural Hall of Fame on November 17. Of the 20 people whose framed pictures will grace the gallery at Toronto's Exhibition Park, seven were essentially westerners. And of the seven, P. H. "Pete" Moore would be claimed by the Province of British Columbia, Coia Hill by Manitoba and Pat Burns, George Lane, A. E. Cross, Archie McLean and John E. Brownlie by Alberta.

In the ordinary course of events, the name of a candidate for the Hall of Fame is submitted to a committee and considered for worthiness. If acceptance is approved, the sponsoring organization or individual is expected to meet the cost of painting the portrait. The name of the late John E. Brownlie, for example, was put forward by the United Grain Growers Ltd., of which organization Mr. Brownlie was president for 13 years.

The other four names from Alberta were offered by the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede and will be recognized as those of the "Big Four" cattlemen who backed the first Stampede in 1912. Reluctant to name one ahead of another in that illustrious group, the Exhibition and Stampede Board nominated all four and offered



convinced reasons why all should be accepted together.

Heretofore, the Hall of Fame pictures have been painted by an eastern artist but the Big Four portraits were made right at Calgary, with the artist's work being performed by Charles MacGregor, a Scot who painted in Eastern Canada before moving quite recently to make home in the foothills city.

Mr. Brownlie, at one time Premier of Alberta, died in 1961 but is still widely known and remembered for the leadership given in farm organization and wheat marketing. Likewise, there are numerous reminders of the personalities and contributions of Alberta's Big Four cattlemen.

Pat Burns was the one who came west in 1878 and homesteaded at Minnedosa before coming to Alberta to pursue a trade in meats and emerge as a leading industrialist. George Lane was the "mail order" hired man who came from Montana to the North West Cattle Company as "the best stockman available for \$35 a month" and then became owner of the Bar U Ranch and undisputed "Cattle King". A. E. Cross came from Montreal to work for the Cochrane Ranching interests and shortly started his own ranch, using the now-familiar "Z" brand. And Archie McLean was the young fellow from Ontario who ranched in south central Alberta and, after entering politics, served in Premier Sifton's Alberta Government.

These are the names of men whose familiar brands appear prominently on the Big Four

Drought Widespread in 1963

The rains never came, and drought parched wide areas of the world in 1963. Parts of Asia were hit hardest, the National Geographic Society says. More than 300,000 Pakistanis were forced to abandon their homes in West Pakistan to seek food and water as famines followed a prolonged dry spell.

The rains in Burma and Malaya were closed because no water was available to wash the rice-growing mud. Fertile rice-growing provinces on China's southeastern coast suffered the worst drought in centuries. Hong Kong saw water almost emptied during seven months of subnormal rainfall. Household water was severely rationed, and the entire economy of the country suffered. Devoted Chinese released fish and turtles in the sea and turned loose pet monkeys, deer, and birds on land to propitiate the spirits.

The worst drought of the century in Brazil shrank river levels to dangerous lows. Hydroelectric plants had to ration power, slowing industrial production and temporarily blacking out households.

Drought or near-drought prevailed in the United States from the Great Plains to New England. In normally humid Massachusetts, the reservoir at Worcester became a dried, cracked wasteland of mud.

Seven states canceled hunting seasons and banned fires in the powder-dry woods.

New Jersey firemen fought a forest fire with water drawn from an abandoned mine shaft and pumped through a half-mile of hose. They had to bypass a more convenient water supply in a nearby, but abiding, reservoir.

In Williams, Arizona, where in normal times

stockmen buy water for their herds from a coin-operated dispenser giving 250 gallons for 25 cents, the severe drought reduced a quarter's worth to 90 gallons.

Texas, who have learned to live with and laugh at drought, revised the very story of the rancher who said, "Well, the wind blew the ranch plumb into Old Mexico, but we ain't lost anything. We got to keep the mortgage." Many farmers who originally settled in Texas and the Great Plains thought that rainfall was migrating westward with them by the good grace of Providence. Others believed plowing the soil increased precipitation. The great drought of 1894-95 burst that bubble.

In the 1930's, some people decided that radio broadcasting prevented rain by putting large amounts of electricity into the atmosphere. Thousands of farmers wrote the United States Congress asking that all stations be silenced until rain broke the tragic drought.

The 1963 crisis has been blamed variously on nuclear explosions, suggesting an increase in the speed of the earth's rotation — and the growing network of paved highways.

Meteorologists explain, however, that droughts usually develop when a stream of dry air persistently pours into a region, supplanting moist air. But nobody knows why the air currents shift, and weathermen cannot predict droughts.

It is widely held that dry spells come in cycles. Studies of tree rings, old water levels, historical records, and reports of crop failures show large variation in rainfall but no clearly defined cycles.

By Grant MacEwan

Building at Calgary's Exhibition and Stampede grounds and most western people have a feeling of acquaintance with them. Rather less familiar to most westerners of the present time are the names of Pete Moore and Coia Hill. As manager of the Provincial Government's Colony Farm at Escondido, B.C., Percy Homer Moore — more widely known as Pete — gained an international reputation as a Master Breeder of Holstein cattle. What he did with his favorite breed was not unlike what William Duthie did with Shorthorns and William McCombie did with Aberdeen Angus.

Born in Nova Scotia, in 1883, Pete Moore graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College and came to British Columbia as Dairy Commissioner. From that position he moved to become superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Agassiz.

But it was the long association with the Provincial Farm at Escondido that brought him the widest public recognition. The Colony Farm herd of black and white cattle had been started in 1910 but only when Moore embarked upon a program of planned breeding involving considerable line breeding was genuine progress achieved. The type improved and Moore cattle became famous for size, broad and level quarters and great udders.

At the same time, Colony cows were making national and international production records and two Moore bulls became the first "Century Sires" in Canada — in other words, the first (Continued on Page 4)

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Along Nature's Trails

Prized Trophy of Hunters Caribou Is Fascinating

By W. Phillip Keller



PHILLIP KELLER

of this there have emerged some very fascinating facts.

The largest number of these caribou that I have ever seen in a single herd is ninety-one head. I spent the greater part of one whole day with this group, following them in their erratic wanderings over the highest wind-blown ridges of their range. Such a large group seldom stays together long. Their unpredictable nature leads to fragmentation and reforming of bands from day to day, if not from hour to hour.

The chief cause of this is the continuous migration they suffer from insects in the summer. The caribou become almost frantic with flies. They rush off blindly in search of snow fields on which to find relief from their tormentors.

By summer's end the snow patches are small and widely scattered across the draws on north slopes. The result is one may stumble on only a cow and her calf in one spot while there may be fifty-six head on the next snowfield.

When autumn frosts put an end to the insects the caribou can relax and re-group themselves for the fall rut. The caribou bull has rubbed and polished his antlers by early September. The deep rich orange brown colouring is evident. These caribou were something small, with stunted horns of poor calibre. Something like forty years have elapsed since the last Dawson caribou was shot. It is not altogether too surprising to hear this. How any animal this size, that prefers open, wind-swept slopes, could survive amid the rank aspen and juniper-like growth of the Charlottes is hard to understand.

There was a mounted specimen of the Dawson Caribou in the Provincial Museum at Victoria for many years. It may now have been removed to make room for more elegant animals. To me it was always somewhat of an enigma that such a race of caribou could even have survived until the 20th century in the oppressive forests of the Queen Charlottes.

Finally there is the Dawson Caribou, which were formerly found on the Queen Charlotte Islands off the west coast of British Columbia. It is generally believed now that this rare species is extinct. These caribou were something small, with stunted horns of poor calibre. Something like forty years have elapsed since the last Dawson caribou was shot. It is not altogether too surprising to hear this. How any animal this size, that prefers open, wind-swept slopes, could survive amid the rank aspen and juniper-like growth of the Charlottes is hard to understand.

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One thing these caribou did demonstrate beyond a doubt was the fact that at some distant period in history there must have been a land bridge connecting these islands with the mainland. Now a channel of some eighty miles width separates the two.

The Ooburn and Mountain Caribou are virtually identical in their life habits. Neither species congregate into immense herds like the Barren Land caribou of the arctic. Nor are they prone to long fixed migrations that are characteristic of both the Barren and Charlottes and The Woodland Caribou found east of the Mackenzie River throughout the northern forest belt.

If their movements were to be summed up in a single phrase, the western caribou could be described as "the restless wanderers of the mountains". They migrate in the sense that they do move periodically from one grazing ground to the next. Yet these movements are not as deliberate nor as regular as the northern species.

FASCINATING FACTS FOUND
There is one fairly large band of mountain caribou that I have attempted to study intensively for about five years. Little by little it has been possible to piece together the pattern of their normal seasonal behaviour. Out

step down in the snow for a rest at every opportunity. I felt deeply sorry for him when finally he had to give up his right to the larger band who managed to slip into the stunted timber at the edge of the basin, thus eluding him.

At other times the bulls seem somewhat indifferent to the advances of rival bulls. In fact several of them will simply tag along with a group of cows making no attempt whatsoever to establish a harem or mastery of the group.

MOSTLY "SHAM" BATTLES
It was a day or two later that I came across a fine caribou bull in his prime, grazing all alone quite unconcerned as to the presence or absence of female companions. I have never seen caribou bulls fight as fiercely as elk, moose or White Tail Deer. Nor have I ever seen them become so terribly excited and hostile over the presence of other rival bulls. They do fight, of course, but something like the Mule Deer, it is more often a sham battle and daring "display" rather than a fight to the death.

As winter settles down over the ridges and alpine meadows, the caribou descend down into the timber. If there are exposed slopes where the mosses and lichens are prolific, and the ground is kept clear by wind they will return there to feed on their favourite fare.

In the tall timber they are very partial to the lichens and mosses that grow on the trees. Of these the long black feather-like lichen is so commonly seen hanging from the lower limbs is their preference. They will also eat willow buds and twigs.

Unfortunately for the caribou, man's activities in the realm of nuclear physics have placed an ominous dark cloud across the whole of his future. Not only this, but also that of the reindeer along with all the northern races of Indians, Eskimos, Laplanders and other whites who rely heavily on the flesh of these northern animals.

All lichens, mosses and low forms of organic life derive their nourishment directly from the atmosphere. In simple language they live on "fall out" in the air. Before the advent of radio activity from atomic experiments, this atmospheric material was a combination of atmospheric dust, ionized minerals, along with other nutrients in dilute solutions of rain, mist, fog, clouds or snow.

The mosses and lichens picked this up directly from the atmosphere; stored it; used it for their slow annual growth; then passed it on in condensed form to any animal that ate it. They have continued to do precisely the same with all the nuclear "fall out" that now contaminates the atmosphere.

HIGH STRONTIUM LEVEL
The level of strontium reached in the flesh and bones of some reindeer and caribou slaughtered for test purposes has reached 150 units. When we remind ourselves that the maximum level considered safe for normal life is seventeen units, it is not hard to see the trend that is developing.

The next link in this chain of diabolical danger is human intake. Children, especially, eat large quantities of caribou or reindeer meat are faced with a devastating build-up of strontium in their systems. It has been well (Continued on Page 7)

This Week's Cover Picture

Our cover photo this week shows a picturesque phase of another of Western Canada's great basic industries — lumbering. These logs are being gathered and held for booming as they come down a river from the cutters. Chained into huge "booms", they will be towed to the mills where they will be processed into lumber, veneer, or timber squares for export. This picture was taken at Roche Cover, East Sooke, Vancouver Island, by Alice Kinnif.

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According to ancient legend, on the night that Christ was born, trees burst into bloom and bore fruit despite wintry weather. These days the transformation in honor of the holy holiday is almost as miraculous as homes throughout the world are trimmed with greens and garlands and set aglow with tiny twinkling lights for the celebration of Christmas.

As with the blooming trees, holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and scores of other flowers and plants are all part of the glorious history of the Holy Season. The reasons why we celebrate with flowers have been passed down through the ages. Many of the customs and traditions have their origins in ancient pagan rites. yet over the years they have taken on Christian implications of deep significance.

Holly was worshipped before the birth of Christ by peoples who considered its greenness in the middle of winter as a promise of the sun's return to earth for another year. Later the early French and English hung sprigs of the bright-berried plant on their doors to indicate homes in which Christ dwelled.

Holly has grown in this country for hundreds of years. These days, holly is frequently used for wreaths. The red-berried plant, worked into the circular shape, symbolizes the hope of eternal life, and makes a gift with a warm personal message when sent by wire to friends too far away to share Christmas with you.

Other stories link the Christmas tree to Germany and Martin Luther who may have trimmed the first tree with candles to show his family the splendor of the night on which Christ was born. Later, apples, candy and colored papers were added to the decorations.

The flower that has virtually become the symbol of the Christmas is the star-shaped Poinsettia. So popular in the country are the scarlet-leaved blooms, that the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association reports wiring more Poinsettias than any other holiday floral offering. There are many legends surrounding nature's Christmas-colored wonder. One tale relates how a poor Mexican girl was heartbroken because she had nothing of value to offer the Virgin. In desperation she

Question: "Pussycat, pussycat, what have we here?" Answer: "I have an azalea to bring Christmas cheer." And Pussycat is right, for a bloom-laden azalea will put on a show for you at Christmastime and for several weeks to come. Give it good light and plenty of water daily. And don't forget a saucer of milk for Pussy! Photo by MALAK, Ottawa.

plucked some scrawny roadside weeds and placed them at the feet of the holy statue. They were immediately transformed into scarlet brilliance. The Poinsettia plant is still called by many "Flor de Noche Buena" — flower of the holy night.

Other lovely blossoms have also played an important role in the Yuletide holiday. The Christmas rose is supposed to have sprung from the bare ground at an angel's bidding. As the years passed, it became the custom to place these blooms at the entrances of cottages so that no harm would befall the occupants.

Red and white blossoms traditionally used to highlight holiday greetings, the red for joy and laughter, the white symbolizing spiritual calmness and purity.

What is the meaning of floral gift-giving at Christmas? Such gift-giving probably stems from the story of the Three Wise Men. In some countries this custom is still observed on January 5, the Twelfth Night, when it is believed that the Wise Men appeared in the Holy Land.

Lassies who get kissed under the mistletoe have an old Scandinavian myth to thank for this charming custom. It was the goddess Friggia who hung mistletoe high and was the first to stand under the glistening plant offering kisses to all who passed beneath it.

Balsam and fir branches, trimmed with bells, are other popular holiday decorations. The greens represent everlasting life. Bells, it is said, tolled ominously for one hour before midnight on the first Christmas to warn Satan of the imminent birth of the Saviour. At the stroke of twelve, the happy pealing began to announce the death of the Devil and the birth of Christ.

Through these many years, flowers, green and plants have become very much a part of the Christmas celebration. They help make the insides of homes more vibrant; on doors and gate posts they call out the season's joy to passing strangers. They literally change the face of the world in honor of its Creator in celebration of its Saviour.

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Holstein bulls having 100 or more daughters
with qualifying production records.

In 1941, the University of Wisconsin honored Pete Moore with a citation stating he had done "as much to implement the art of animal breeding with modern knowledge of the science of heredity, as any man on the American continent."

To a generation of prairie farmers, Cora Hind's great contribution was both known and appreciated. It would be unfortunate if a later generation were to forget the skillful manner in which she brought meaning and accuracy to market reporting and then crop reporting. Westerners with long memories will recall her as a one-time secretary of the Manitoba Dairy Association, agricultural editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, the first woman to ride a shipload of wheat out of the Port of Churchill, and one of the best informed people on the state of western agriculture.

Cora Hind was born at Toronto in 1861 and her mother died when the babe was two years old. She was taken by relatives and raised on a farm in Grey County. Along with her Aunt Alice, Miss Cora came to Winnipeg in 1882 with the idea she might teach school. But, somehow, she turned searchingly for something else. Newspaper work attracted her but Editor W. F. Luxton of the Manitoba Free Press discouraged her by saying he'd have no part in hiring any woman for journalism.

It then came to her attention that nobody in Winnipeg — perhaps nobody in the West — had a typewriter and she resolved to get one and learn to use it. Having mastered the thing, she secured a job as typist for a law firm. As such, she was the first typist in Manitoba.

But along about 1893, Cora Hind resigned from the law firm and set up as a public stenographer. The new work introduced her to market reporting and in 1898 she made an all-embracing crop report. Rumors about frost damage were seriously affecting business that fall and eastern leaders wanted the facts. Cora Hinpacked her grip and set out for farm and homestead country to get them. After many miles by rail and buggy and hundreds of stops to rub out some grain from ripening heads, she issued a report and the business world accepted it.

The long and active career as agricultural editor of the Winnipeg Free Press began in 1901 and her crop reports became institutions, especially after 1904 when Eastern Canada and Chicago had it that the western crop was failing. In 1905, the *Free Press* was sold to Editor John Dafee and they agreed that the misleading reports were bad for the country. Again she set out to see for herself. Chicago releases told of a probable crop of 35 million bushels of wheat in the West of Canada. Miss Hind said it would be 35 millions and the eastern people laughed at a woman challenging their estimates. But when the harvest was complete, wheat crop stood at 35 million bushels and Canada's reputation became international. Thereafter, traders around the world waited for her crop reports.

Her career in agricultural journalism was long and notable. She died in 1942 — age 81 — but not before many honors came to her, including a gift of a flock of sheep from the Manitoba Sheep Breeders' Association, an honorary degree from the University of Manitoba, a world tour given in recognition of her long and faithful service, and so on.

There can be no doubt; the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame will hold both interest and inspiration for all who have sentiment for the achievements and leaders of earlier years.

At this time of the year, with most people (and most antipastors) talking about anticipation and excitement for the Christmas season, you may be the only one to stay away from the Christmas religious, which most people think about as a time to eat, drink and be merry, and offer some comment on off beat, easier cooking.

Here goes:

If you're really interested in losing weight gradually, some of the best ways you can use these facts: the energy around for four people sitting around a table will produce enough heat to boil one gallon of water. Not that you're interested in boiling water! But you are interested in how much heat or energy is produced during. For, it takes calories, and you can't lose weight from extra body fat, to produce the heat or energy.

Suggesting that instead of sitting. You use more calories! And so on, as you increase your energy level, you can use more and more calories to produce the extra heat or energy you need.

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Labatt's Alberta Brewery Appoints Plant Manager



W. E. PEARSON,
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W. E. McManus, vice-president and general manager of Labatt's Alberta Brewery Ltd., announces the appointment of William E. Pearson, D.F.C. B.S.A., as manager and head brewer of the Edmonton brewery. Mr. Pearson is an 1881 graduate of the University of British Columbia and 1901 joined Labatt's subsidiary, Lucky Lager Breweries Ltd., Vancouver. Labatt's brewery in Edmonton is making completion and Mr. Pearson shortly will be supervising its initial production.

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It Really Happened...

By DAVE GAUNT
Hazelton, Alberta

Bears are unpredictable creatures. They often do what you least expect.

One evening last spring, a neighbor, Tom MacInn, was aroused by a peculiar noise coming from his pig pen. On going to investigate, he found a huge black bear chasing the porkers around. Having no gun, he rushed back into his house and phoned his neighbor, Tommy Williams, to bring his gun over on the double.

Both men cautiously crept up to the pig pen. Tommy with his shotgun loaded and ready. The big bear was waiting, ready to defend in new-found hunting ground.

Tommy raised his shotgun and fired, hitting the bear in the face. However the shells were loaded with light bird shot and it didn't seem to bother the animal much. The bear brushed his face with his paw, growled, seemed to roll up his sleeves for action and advanced toward the two men.

Again Tommy Williams shot and again hit the bear in the face. Again the bear just brushed a big paw over his face and continued his determined advance on the two farmers.

By now the bear was only a few yards away from the men and the situation was "rapidly deteriorating," to use an army expression. Again Tommy fired and the bear brushed a paw across his face but kept up his steady advance.

"Quick, give me some more shells," Williams shouted.

"I haven't got any," replied MacInn. Tommy waited no more time in conversation. He dropped the empty gun and started to run. MacInn immediately took off after him. Within a few yards, MacInn passed his sprinting neighbor. Then a couple of seconds later the big bear passed them both without so much as a snarl at them as he turned on an amazing burst of speed for so big an animal.

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GYMKHANA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Last Sunday the club members and their families attended a Pot Luck Supper and Christmas Party at the London Hall, "Jolly Old St. Nick" paid us a visit, treating all to candy canes and a few special gifts. Sheila Urychuk won the very lovely wooden planter which had been made and donated by Alan Schukie. Thanks go to Julie, Peggy, and Sherry, Jackie and Frank. Make for all the effort put into such a successful party.

The results of the election for the 1964 year is as follows:

President - Bob Burn, Vice-President - Ken Stewart, Secretary - Constance Day, Treasurer - Peggy Simpson, Recording Sec. - Audrey Whitehead, Director - Cliff Schukie, Ed Schukie, Lloyd Swapp, Jackie Harber, Elaine Swapp, Queen - Donna Trellin.

WILLIAM "BILL" BRICK NORDQUIST

Our District Personality is a man that is known to every child in Drayton Valley, from his work as supervisor of the skating rink. He looks so much like J. J. Old St. Nick, that we can well imagine any child who happened to be peeping when the real McCoy Santa comes in on Christmas Eve, if he laid eyes on St. Nick, they might well exclaim, "Why that's Mr. Nordquist."

Bill was born to Carman, Manitoba in 1898. His father, a Swede who spoke eleven languages, was interpreter and colonization agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, which at that time were engaged in settlement in large numbers of European immigrants to settle the lands along the CPR railroads that were just being opened as the new railroads were built. The senior Nordquist would go over to Europe, interview the prospective settlers and bring them over. Those were the days of the famous "Immigrant Trains" when settlers from eastern Canada and from Europe were coming to the western provinces as settlers and homesteaders.

Mr. Nordquist is the only one living of a family of six, some of whom were younger, than he is, and some older. In 1914 Bill answered the call at the Colours and with the Winnipeg 27th Battalion he went overseas. Wounded he came back to Canada. In 1917 and spent six of seven months in hospital. Recovering sufficiently to go back into the Army he was sent to Russia in 1918 and returned to Canada in the fall of 1919.

Arriving back in Manitoba he went into the horse buying business and then took to travel country where he prospered for a number of years, all over the North, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. He was working on survey crew when the famous Sherbrooke Cookie mine was sold out in 1921.

From prospecting he went into government service where he was to serve for the next 22 years. He received a pension from the government as result of his service and his war wounds.

In 1920 he married a Norwegian girl and the close of the war in Europe, they have four children, three boys and a girl. One of their sons has followed his father's footsteps and is mining in the north country.

Came 1939 and War came more, and Bill got into it again, with the R.C.A.F. and then with the R.C.A.F. Most of his second world war work service was on defence station in England, although he did do some minor shore-based work as a gunner and it was while on a flight that he was wounded again in a dogfight over the channel.

He returned to Canada in 1944 at the close of the war in Europe. He remained in Canada to prospecting and surveying.

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Curling Club Hamper



Curling Club President Dr. H. Shimabashi is seen presenting Town Councilor Harry Schukie and Sec.-Treas. Bill Johanson with one of the 10 Christmas Hampers that they will dispense to needy families for Christmas Day. The hampers were packed through the courtesy of the Hudson Bay Company and sponsored by the Men's Curling Club.